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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE

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1. SPORADIC SMALL-SCALE POLITICAL VIOLENCE HAS BEEN CONTINUING DESPITE THE UNIVERSITIES' SUMMER VACATION AND THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES. THE FOLLOWING RECENT INCIDENTS ARE ILLUSTRATIVE:

A. ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 11-12, CLASHES IN IGDİR, KARS PROVINCE, REPORTEDLY BETWEEN NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) "COMMANDOS" AND LEFTIST YOUTHS, LED TO THE DAMAGING OF SOME 35 SHOPS REPUTEDLY BELONGING TO SUPPORTERS OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP). AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SENT BY THE RPP'S ANKARA HEADQUARTERS. MINISTER OF INTERIOR ASILTURK (NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY) DECLINED COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT EXCEPT TO ASCRIBE IT TO "ETHNIC" FRICTIONS.

B. ON AUGUST 13, MEMBERS OF THE PRO-NAP "IDEALIST HEARTHS" REPORTEDLY ATTACKED MEMBERS OF THE "POPULIST-REFORMIST ASSOCIATION" WHO WERE DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS IN CEYHAN, ADANA PROVINCE. SHOUTING "DEATH TO COMMUNISTS,"

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THE NAP PARTISANS NEXT ATTACKED THE ASSOCIATION'S

HEADQUARTERS. POLICE ARRESTED FIVE PERSONS WHO WERE THEN
TAKEN TO THE ADANA STATE SECURITY COURT.

C. ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 13, SMALL BOMBS WERE THROWN AT
THE CLUBHOUSES OF THREE SMALL AND APPARENTLY LEFTIST
ASSOCIATIONS IN ANKARA. ONLY MINOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRED.
THERE WERE NO SUBSEQUENT ARRESTS.

D. EARLY ON AUGUST 16, THE HOME OF THE ANTALYA PROVINCIAL
CHAIRMAN OF THE RPP, HAMIT GUNAL, WAS DYNAMITED. THERE
WAS EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.
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